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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN PURCHASE OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT

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1. THERE WAS AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT TO FONMIN DE LA PUENTE'S NOVEMBER 2 STATEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT PERU HAD ACCEPTED THE SOVIET OFFER TO SELL SU-22 AIRCRAFT (REFTEL). THE QUESTIONING OF DE LA PUENTE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS BY ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES OF AP, UPI AND REUTERS. AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, DE LA PUENTE APPARENTLY WAS CONCERNED THAT HE HAD SAID TOO MUCH.

2. FONOFF SPOKESMAN FAURA CALLED IN THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO "CLARIFY" THAT THE FONMIN HAD NOT REALLY SAID THAT THE DEAL WAS FINAL. WHEN THE REPRESENTATIVES CONTENDED THAT THEY HAD HEARD HIM CLEARLY AND ASKED FAURA TO PLAY THE TAPE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, FAURA APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES WOULD FILE THEIR STORIES AS PLANNED. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LA CRONICA THEN PRINTED THE FONMIN'S STATEMENTS QUOTED REFTEL. HOWEVER, THE NOVEMBER 3 MORNING RADIO NEWS MAINTAINED THAT DE LA PUENTE HAD SPOKEN OF THE SALE ONLY PROSPECTIVELY, SAYING THAT HE HAD NOT ACTUALLY ANNOUNCED THE SALE. THE AIR MINISTRY IT WAS SAID, WOULD BE THE SOURCE FOR SUCH

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